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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM: FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF 9/11

¶1. On September 11, business and financial daily "Diario Financiero" (circ. 30,000) carried an op-ed by international commentator Libardo Buitrago entitled, "9-11-2001: Five Years Later." Quote:

"The principal effect of the September 11 attacks...was an overwhelming deep and strong rejection that led to a different understanding of the phenomenon of indiscriminate violence by groups that want to divide the global consensus on this means to attain power.... But terrorism, as all bad news, causes a strong but short-term reaction. The strong signals and harsh remarks made by leaders after the attacks have been forgotten.... The global fight against terrorism must be ongoing and involve all nations."

¶2. On September 10, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 101,000) carried an editorial entitled "Five Years alter S-11, A new Paradigm." Quote:

"There are few events that we can say have led to 'historical changes,' but judging from a Pew Research Center Poll conducted shortly after the attack on the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001, that attack is one of them.... Unlike the 1990s, which marked the end of the Cold War and the absence of an actor to put order to the system..., the world after 9/11 faces a radical Islamic terrorist threat that defines the new international paradigm, which has been reinforced by the attacks in Madrid and London. Just as during the Cold War, the fight was between capitalism and communism served as the framework to explain and understand the world..., the clash between the West and Islamic terrorists help 'explain' much of what is happening in the world today. This is what the 19 terrorists left behind five years ago."

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